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**From:** rogers, rick  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 6:08:08 PM  
**Subject:** RE: (003083955) General Comments

I'll call him this afternoon. Thanks, Greg.

Rick Rogers

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**From:** Ham, Greg  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:54 PM  
**To:** rogers, rick  
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Rick, DEP has responded to the concerns below (I will forward you their message). However, Mr. Hovis and NOMA still have concerns about what they need to do to reopen their intake. I told him I would connect him with someone in the drinking water program. Can you or another appropriate person contact him and see if you can answer his questions?

Thanks,

Greg

**From:** Stipp, Lorraine **On Behalf Of** Group LIBRARY-REG3  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 10:20 AM  
**To:** Ham, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: (003083955) General Comments

Hello Greg, Region III received this correspondence from Steve Hovis, Esq. regarding Miller Chemical and Fertilizer fire and water contamination.

Thanks in advance Greg.

Best Regards,

Lorraine Stipp

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Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 8:40 AM

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I represent the New Oxford Municipal Authority who operates a water treatment plant in Adams County, PA. Recently a fertilizer plant located upstream from its intake had a major fire. Substantial water was used on the fire and was deposited into the stream that feeds into our intake. Substantial harm was done to the stream including the death of over 10,000 fish. Our intake was closed prior to our water reserves could be contaminated. Right now we are struggling with when and how to open our intake and provide clean and safe water. The most recent issue involves Potassium 40. The owner of the plant attempted to deliver to a local landfill fire and soil debris that was noted as being radioactive. Tests revealed Potassium 40 as the source of the radioactive levels. Our basic research indicates that Pot40 does occur naturally in many instances and has no known commercial use or benefit. However, Pot40 is supposedly very beneficial for the fertilizer products. Early Potassium readings after the fire were in the range of 900 parts when base line levels were 4 or 5. We don't know if the 900 was Pot40 related or not. Recent test show Pot to be done in the 5s. We are getting very little guidance on this issue and are looking for some direction on how to deal with any testing or monitoring as part of the decision to open our water intake valve. Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.

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